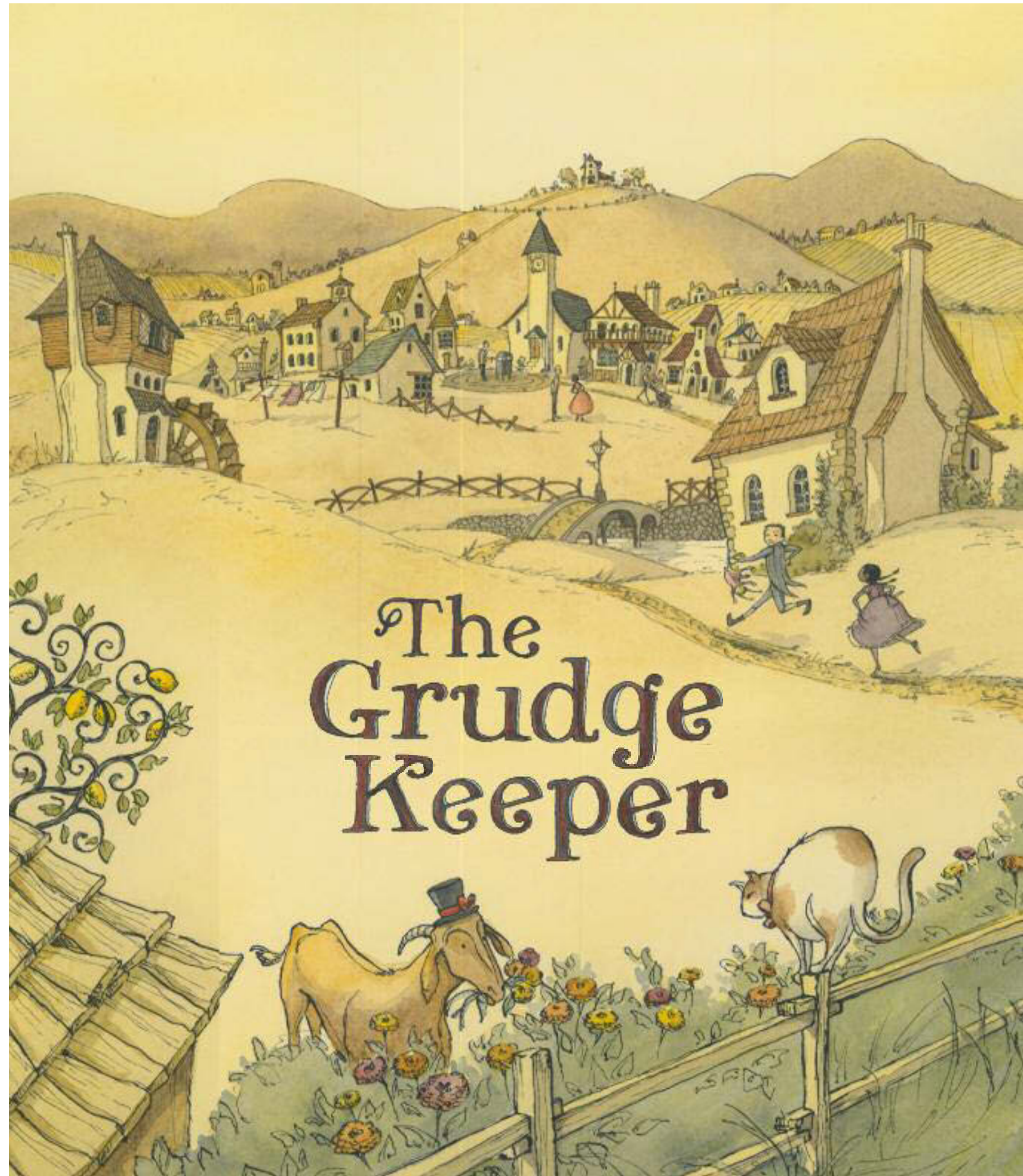


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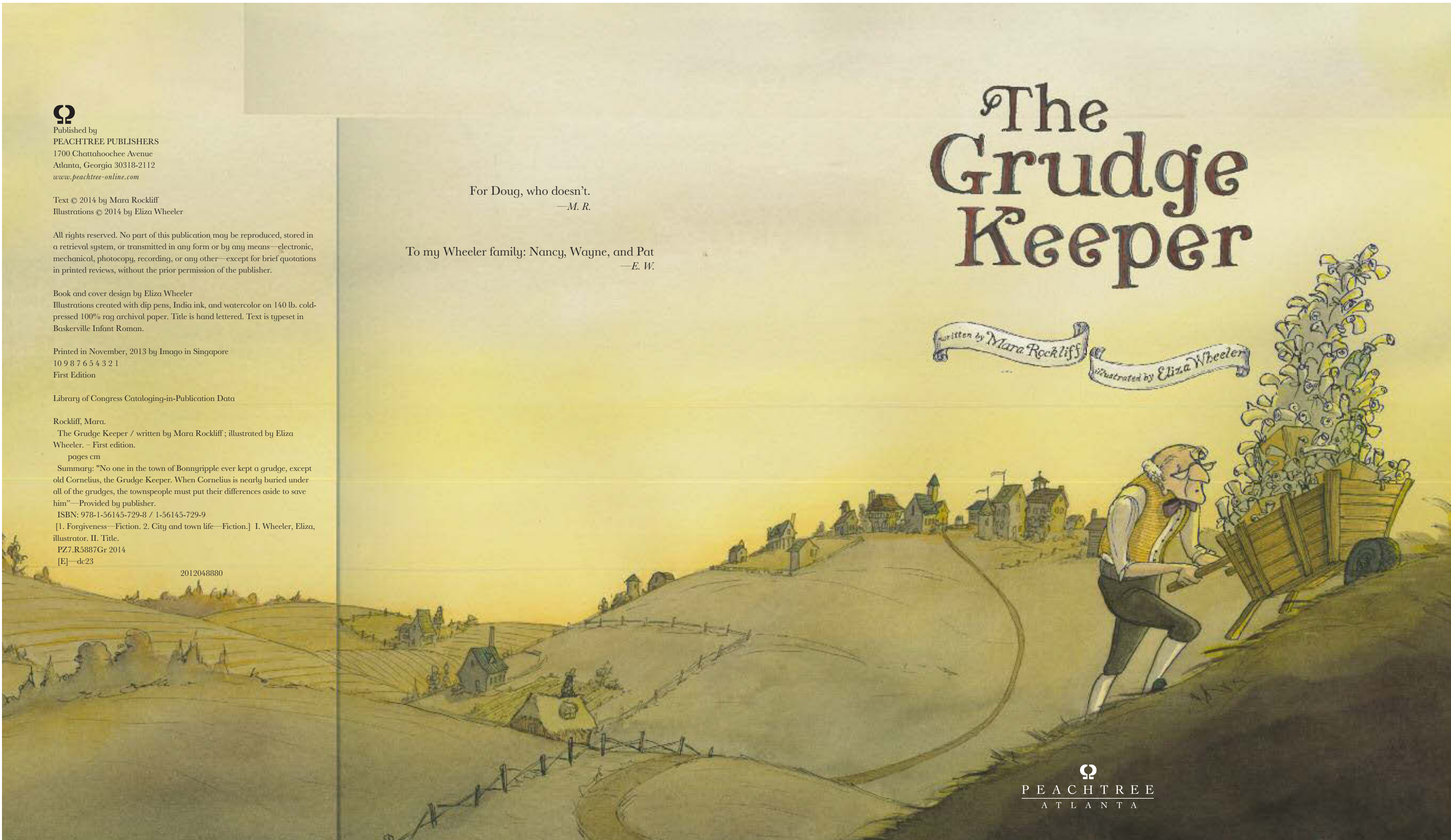
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For Doug, who doesn't.
—M. R.

To my Wheeler family: Nancy, Wayne, and Pat
—E. W.

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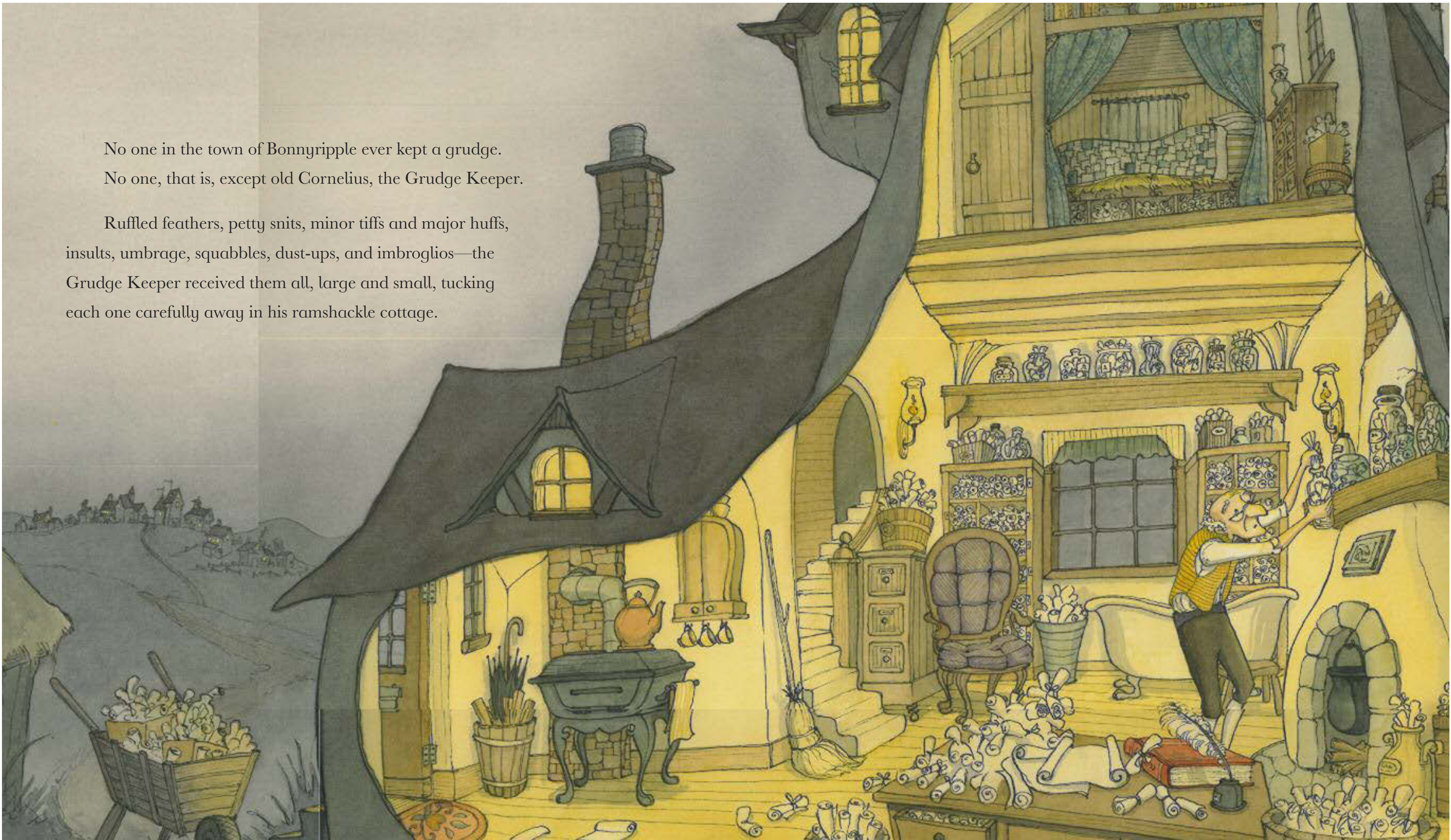


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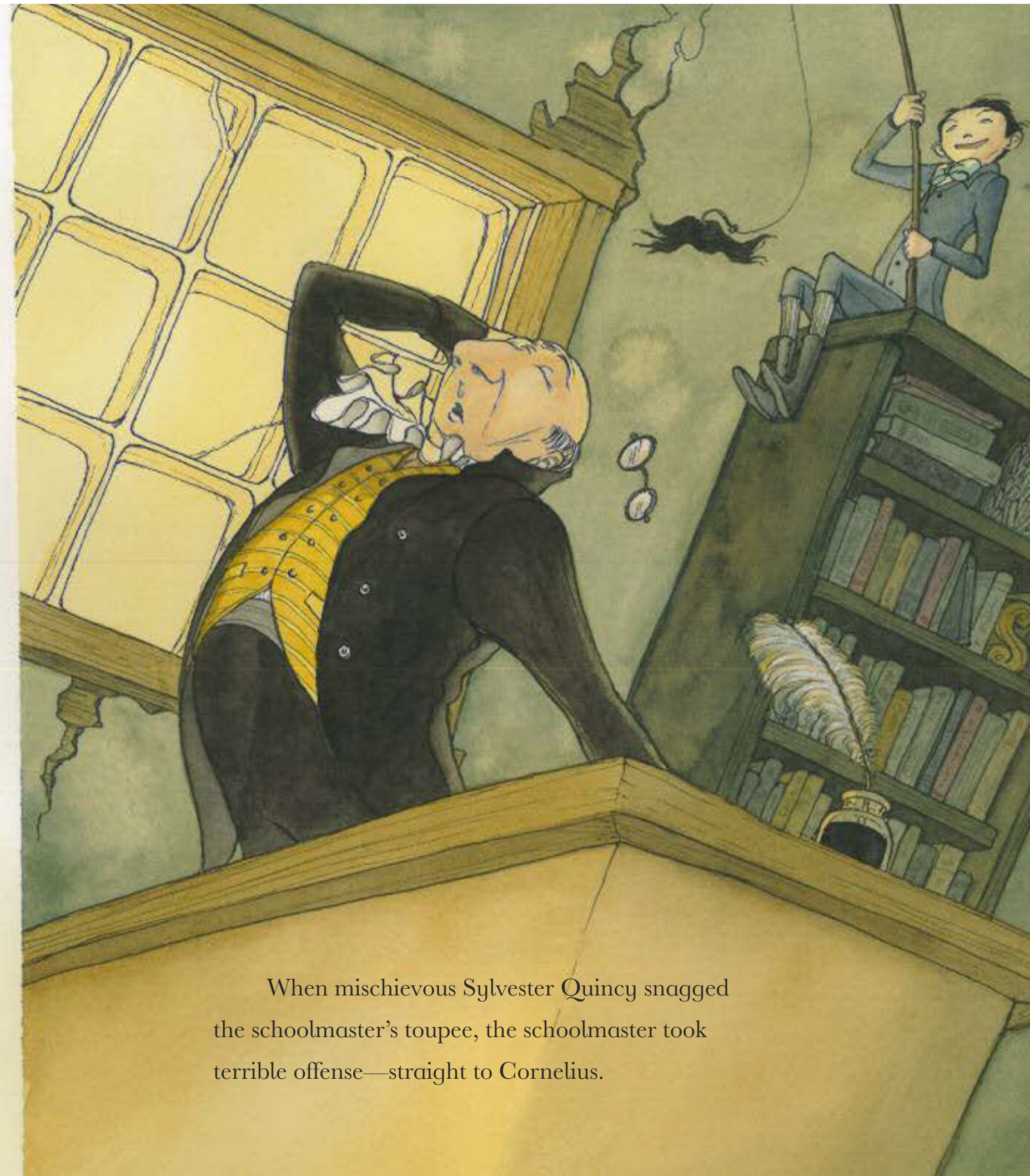


No one in the town of Bonnyripple ever kept a grudge.
No one, that is, except old Cornelius, the Grudge Keeper.

Ruffled feathers, petty snits, minor tiffs and major huffs,
insults, umbrage, squabbles, dust-ups, and imbroglios—the
Grudge Keeper received them all, large and small, tucking
each one carefully away in his ramshackle cottage.



When Minnie Fletcher's goat gulped down Elvira Bogg's prizewinning zinnias, Elvira marched right over to the Grudge Keeper to file a complaint.



When mischievous Sylvester Quincy snagged the schoolmaster's toupee, the schoolmaster took terrible offense—straight to Cornelius.